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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 7-152827, published June 16, 1995.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-177594, published June 30, 1998.
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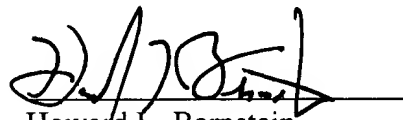
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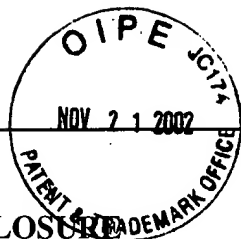
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